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**BOOT WITH OVERSIZED TOE BOX** 

FOR THERMAL INSULATION

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## **RULE 116 AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal:

In the Claims:

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Please replace claim 1 with the following rewritten claim:

**TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** 

A boot comprising an outer layer of leather which is stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state and an outsole.

## Remarks

The purpose of the present proposed Amendment is to eliminate the issue of whether as asserted by the Examiner "the cold insulating material not being compressed during the